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SUBJECT: DAHOMEY AMBASSADOR CALLS ON DEPARTMENT

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1. DAHOMEY AMUASSADOR- DESIGNATE TIAMIOU ADJIBADE CALLED ON AF/ W DIRECTOR AGGREY APRIL 5 FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM WEEK IN NEW YORK DURING WHICH HE PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL.

2. COMMENTING ON RECENT DAHOMEY GOVERNMENTAL CHANGE, ADJIBADE SAID PRIMARY EFFECT DIRECTED TO BETTER DEVELOP DAHOMEY AND ITS ECONOMY. CHANGE SHOULD NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT US- DAHO RELATIONS. NOTING PRESENCE OF CERTAIN EXTREMISTS WHO MOUNTED DEMONSTRATIONS FOLLOWING UNMASKING MILITARY PLOT, ADJIBADE UNDERScoreD MRGD DISAVOWAL OF THESE ACTS AND SAID MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SOME OF THE PERPETRATORS. ADJIBADE CITED " CERTAIN DIPLOMATIC MOVE-
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MENT" OCCURRING IN DAHOMEY BUT FELT REALISM DICTATED THAT PRIMARY ORIENTATION BE TOWARD " CAPITALIST" OR WESTERN COUNTRIES WITH WHOM DAHOMEY HAD MOST BUSINESS OR FROM WHICH RECEIVED ASSISTANCE IN CONTRADISTINCTION POLITICAL RHETORIC OF OTHER SIDE.

3. AMBASSADOR ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED US VIEW POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, ESPECIALLY INTERNATIONAL. AGGREY REPLIED WE ALSO WOULD LIKE BE KEPT ABREAST BY ADJIBADE' S ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN DAHOMEY' S INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, INCLUDING THINKING BEHIND CERTAIN GOVERNMENT ACTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, SINCE WE COORDINATE SOME ASPECTS OF OUR AID WITH OTHER DONORS, IT IMPORTANT FOR US BE AWARE CURRENT STATE MRGD' S RELATIONS WITH SUCH GOVERNMENTS AS FRENCH AND FRG. IN PAST WE HAD LEARNED SOME SIGNIFICANT EVENTS SUCH AS MAJOR DEPARTURES IN RECOGNITION OF CERTAIN REGIMES ONLY FROM PRESS OR RADIO. ADJIBADE ASSURED AGGREY OF COMPLETE COOPERATION AND CONTINUING FRANK EXCHANGES WHICH HAD CHARACTERIZED HIS PREDECESSOR' S RELATIONSHIP WITH DEPARTMENT.

4. AMBASSADOR SAID THERE POSSIBILITY MRGD MINISTER FINANCE WOULD VISIT WASHINGTON MID- APRIL TO SIGN PARAKOU- MALANVILLE LOAN AGREEMENT WITH IBRD. ROGERS

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